

**USFS – Eldorado National Forest**

Comments submitted by the Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation (OHMVR) Division to individual grant applicants should in no way be construed as a guarantee of successful results for the applicant within the competitive grants process or a commitment of funding. Additionally, the lack of comments by the OHMVR Division to any specific applicant does not ensure successful results for the applicant within the competitive grant process or a commitment of funding.

All final applications will be reviewed by the OHMVR Division. The OHMVR Division may, at its sole discretion, decrease the requested amount and eliminate activities pursuant with regulation Section 4970.07.2 (f)(1-5) and for law enforcement projects, regulation Section 4970.15.3(b)(1-5).

Failure by Applicant to respond to any OHMVR Division comment of their preliminary application shall be cause for eliminating that item from the Applicant's application.

If multiple proposed projects are requesting funding for the same deliverable, and multiple projects are successful, only one project will receive funding for the deliverable.

For proposed projects requesting grant funding for snow and/or winter activities. Applicants must ensure the activities and/or equipment requested are not and/or cannot be funded by the OHMVR Division Winter Program (commonly referred to as the Snow Grooming Program).

For proposed projects requesting grant funding for the maintenance of roads and/or trails, note that only roads and/or trails that allow "green sticker" off-highway vehicles are allowed to receive grant funding. Additionally, Applicants may not charge a use fee for vehicles and/or Equipment purchased with OHV Trust Funds, except for fuel and minor maintenance cost.

Applicants are reminded that no grant funds and/or match can be expended on project activities conducted in any land owned or managed by the California Department of Parks and Recreation.

**General Evaluation Criteria**

- #1b(v) – Applicant is advised the ratio score contained in #1b(v) will be auto-populated and made official by the Division at final application submission.
- #2 – #5, Applicant must verify response by final submission.
- #11b – Narrative does not support the selection. Applicant must identify the specific, Applicant and/or Land Manager initiated, educational events to support selection.
- #12a&b – Applicant must verify response by final submission.
- #13 – Applicant must verify response by final submission.

Ground Operations – Ground Operations

G16-02-03-G01

Project Description

- A. Applicant must provide more description for the “corrective actions (trail maintenance and reconstruction) at the meadows.” Also note, restoration activities are not allowable within a Ground Operations Project.
- B. “...addressing impacts from off-trail use” is a restoration activity, thus not eligible in a Ground Operations Project. Applicant must revise the Project Description and Project Cost Estimate accordingly.

#### Project Cost Estimate

- Staff – “Forest Asst. Fire Management...”, Applicant must provide more details on position’s Project related duties.
- Staff – “Helitak Crew”, See the Project Description comment, letter A.
- Contract – “Student Conservation Assoc (SCA) C” - Costs have significantly increased from last year’s Ground Operations Project. Applicant must provide additional details to justify the increased costs. Also, Applicant must explain the source and type of match. Note that a contractor cannot provide in-kind match.
- Contract – “Trails Unlimited”, Applicant must provide more information for how the value was determined including how many miles of trail will be reconstructed and maintained.
- Contracts – “Picnic Tables”, Cost appears excessive in comparison to other Projects. Applicant must provide more information for how the value was determined.
- Contracts – “Bear-proof Recycling Bins”, Cost appears excessive in comparison to other Projects. Applicant must provide more information for how the value was determined.
- Equipment Use – “Vehicle Fixed Operating Rate (FOR)”, Applicant must provide more information for how the value was determined.

#### Evaluation Criteria

- #2 - Narrative does not support the response. Applicant must clarify how there will be a “Loss of OHV Opportunity”.
- #4 - Narrative does not support the responses. Applicant copied the narrative from last year, including the dates for 2016. It is unclear if public meetings were held for this year’s grant cycle.
- #7 – Project Description does not support the selections are made with recycled materials.

Planning – Rock Creek Trail Reroutes Planning	G16-02-03-P02
Project Description	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No Comment.</li> </ul>	
Project Cost Estimate	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Indirect Costs – Exceeds Indirect Cost maximum amount of 15% of the</li> </ul>	

requested grant amount. Applicant must decrease Indirect Cost under the 15% threshold.
<b>Evaluation Criteria</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• #3 – Project Description does not support selections. Applicant must reference selections within the Project Description.</li><li>• #4 – Narrative does not support the responses. Applicant must tell where the public meeting was held. Applicant must clarify where the distinct stakeholders meeting(s) were held and how the participants of the stakeholder meeting(s) are stakeholders to the project.</li><li>• #7 – Narrative does not support the first selection. Applicant must revise selection: Completing a NEPA document is not considered a management plan.</li></ul>